

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MAR 19 2003



application of

Docket No: Q66406

Satoshi SUGAYA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/971,711

Group Art Unit: 2856

Confirmation No.: 4242

Examiner: Andre K. Jackson

Filed: October 9, 2001

For: HUMIDITY SENSOR

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the

TECHNICAL INFORMATION 2000
REG. NO. 25
12/21/03
U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

REG. NO. 25
12/21/03
U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

REG. NO. 25
12/21/03
U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
U.S. Appln. No.: 09/971,711

Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such document, (European Search Report for EP 01 30 8624 dated February 4, 2002) together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Fields
Kenneth W. Fields
Registration No. P-52,430

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE



23373

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date: March 19, 2003